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Sedgwick County Health Department Immunizations Doubled

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – August is National Immunization month and to celebrate, the Sedgwick County Health Department's Immunizations Clinic conducted a special "Back to School Immunization Week," August 5 - 9. Sedgwick County Health Department staff gave 1,405 shots in five days, more than double the amount of shots given in prior weeks.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of this effort," said Chairman Ben Sciortino. "It's critical that children receive immunizations and I'm pleased our Sedgwick County can provide this important service."

The "Back to School Immunization Week" was designed to get clients into the clinic earlier to eliminate the long lines that occur right before school begins. However, it is not too late to receive immunizations.

The Immunization Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday Noon to 7 p.m. at the main Sedgwick County Health Department, 1900 E. Ninth. Immunizations are \$15 or those who qualify can provide proof of income to receive a sliding fee.